

U .S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY, GS-14/15
(Resident Legal Advisor - Tajikistan)

About the Office: The mission of the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) is to develop and administer technical and developmental assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so they can cooperate more fully with the Department of Justice in combating terrorism, trafficking in persons, organized crime, corruption, and financial crimes.

Responsibilities and

Opportunity Offered: The Office seeks an experienced Assistant United States Attorney or Department of Justice Trial Attorney to serve as the Resident Legal Advisor (RLA) for Tajikistan. This assignment is for a term of one year, with the possibility of an extension for a second year, contingent on available funding. **(This is a reimbursable detail.)** The RLA represents the Department of Justice and OPDAT in the implementation of an OPDAT justice sector assistance program. During his or her tenure, the RLA will provide assistance through a variety of criminal justice projects including criminal procedure code reform(to reflect international standards of fairness and due process); development of anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering legislation and enforcement capabilities; creation of advocacy skills and professional development programs for prosecutors; and improving the capacity of Tajik law enforcement to investigate and prosecute narcotics and trafficking-in-persons offenses. The RLA will work closely with Tajik law enforcement and government officials, including prosecutors, judges, and legislators to carry out the justice sector assistance program. The RLA may also be called upon to provide advice to the government on criminal justice legislation and on a range of issues relating to the administration of justice and rule of law programs.

Qualifications: Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia. **Applicants must be a current Department Trial Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney** and have at least four or five years of post J.D. experience to be qualified at the GS-14 or 15 level.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants must have excellent interpersonal and management skills, be mature and self-sufficient, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and possess extensive prosecutorial experience in the variety of pertinent substantive criminal areas. In addition, international experience, particularly gained while working with foreign justice systems, is a desired asset. Experience with skills development training is also desired, but not required, as are Russian and/or Farsi language skills.

Travel: Periodic travel will be required.

Salary Information: Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level. (See OPM's Web page at www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm)

Location: The RLA will be stationed in Dushanbe, Tajikistan beginning in late summer 2006.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are authorized.

Submission Process

and Deadline Date: To apply for this position, please submit a resume and cover letter (highlighting relevant skills and experience) to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Criminal Division
Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training
(OPDAT)
10th and Pennsylvania Aves., NW
Washington, DC 20530
Attn: Mr. Christopher Lehmann

Applications may also be submitted by fax or email. Mr. Lehmann's fax number is (202) 616-8429 and his email address is Christopher.Lehmann@usdoj.gov. He will also accept telephone inquiries at (202) 307-0421.

This position is open until filled.